

## UNESCO Chair on Intercultural Competences Conference 28 Sept – 2 Oct 2025 Rabat - Morocco

### Day 1- Monday 29 September – Pre-Conference Workshops

**8:30 am - 9:00 am      Registration & Arrival**

| <u><b>Time</b></u>   | <u><b>Venue 1</b></u>  | <u><b>Venue 2</b></u>   |
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| <b>9:00 - 12:00</b>  | Workshop 1<br>(Morning)<br>Room: TD301<br><br><i>Pan-African Histories: Intercultural Competences, Identities and Young African Voices</i> | Workshop 2<br>(Morning)<br>Room: TD302<br><br><i>Root or route? The journey to becoming a self-reflexive Intercultural Communication Practitioner</i> |
| <b>12:30 - 13:30</b> | Lunch  | Lunch   |
| <b>14:00 - 17:00</b> | Workshop 1 Continued<br>(Afternoon)<br>Room: TD301<br><br>   | Workshop 3<br>(Afternoon)<br>Room: TD303<br><br><i>UNESCO Story Circles: Train the Trainer</i>  |
| <b>18:00 – 20:00</b> | Workshop 5<br>(Evening)<br>Room: TD304<br><br><i>Creating Virtual Exchange: A Workshop for Educators</i>                                   |   |

**Coffee Breaks at 10:30 & 15:30**

## Day 2 – Tuesday 30 September

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| 08:30 – 09:00 | Arrivals & Registrations for persons not doing the Pre-Conference Workshops  |  |  |  |
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| 09:00 – 10:30 | Welcome & Opening Plenary  |  |  |  |
|               | Keynote Address: Mohammed Elmeski  |  |  |  |
|               | Room: Amphi 8, Building 4  |  |  |  |
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| 10:45 - 11:45 | Parallel Sessions (A)  |  |  |  |
|               | Presentation 1   | Presentation 2   | Presentation 3   | Presentation 4   |
|               | Room TD: 301 - Building 6  | Room TD 302 - Building 6   | Room TD 303 - Building 6   | Room TD 304 - Building 6   |
|               | Presenter: Professor Joanne Hughes<br>Intercultural Education in Northern Ireland  | Presenter: Brian Seilstad<br>Intercultural Practice at Moroccan Universities: Lessons Learned from Al-Akwayn | Presenter: Emnet Tadesse Woldegiorgis<br>Reframing Intercultural Competence in African Higher Education: Towards Critical and Contextual Approaches  | Presenters: Dawit Daniel & Nidal Benali & Divinia Jithoo<br>Strengthening Intercultural Competence through Africa–HBCU Partnerships: Lessons from the International Visitor Leadership Programme   |
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| 11:45 – 12:00 | Refreshment Break  |  |  |  |
|               | Room TD405, Building 6   |  |  |  |
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| 12:00 - 13:00 | Poster Sessions  |  |  |  |
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| 13:00 – 14:00 | Lunch  |  |  |  |
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| 14:00 - 15:00 | Parallel Sessions (B)  |  |  |  |
|               | Presentation 5   | Presentation 6   | Presentation 7   | Presentation 8   |
|               | Room TD: 301 - Building 6  | Room TD 302 - Building 6   | Room TD 303 - Building 6   | Room TD 304 - Building 6   |
|               | Presenter: Sara Gregson<br>The Walls We Build, The Stories We Tell: Intercultural Competency Through Critical Reflection | Presenters: Philina Wittke & Leolyn Jackson<br>The monoculturality of exchange between Africa and Europe     | Presenter: Prim-Rose Makhosazane Shabane (Dudu)<br>‘They thought we were playful at first’: Self-identifying lesbian youth of school-going age negotiating sexuality in township and rural contexts of KwaZulu-Natal | Presenters: Chevon Slambee, Divinia Jithoo, Eva Haug & Marleen Henny<br>South-North collaboration through virtual exchange/Africanization of the curriculum through COIL/Contextualised South African concept of Internationalisation of the Curriculum (IoC). |
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| 15:15 - 16:15 | Parallel Sessions (C)  |  |  |  |
|               | Presentation 9   | Presentation 10  | Presentation 11  | Presentation 12  |
|               | Room TD: 301 - Building 6  | Room TD 302 - Building 6   | Room TD 303 - Building 6   | Room TD 304 - Building 6   |
|               | Presenter: Msakha Mona<br>The Kulani Arts Project as a platform of intercultural competence                              | Presenter: Mohamed Chtatou<br>Aspects of university education for the culture of peace                       | Presenter: Roundtable with Darla Deardorff, Precious Simba & Divinia Jithoo<br>Exploring Intercultural Competence Together: A Roundtable Discussion.   | Presenters: Maysa Abuzant & Abdalkarim Zawawi & Eva Haug & Alia Gilbrecht<br>Virtual Exchange as Resistance—Palestinian Academic Agency in North-South Partnerships  |
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| 16:15 – 16:30 | Refreshment Break  |  |  |  |
|               | Room TD405, Building 6   |  |  |  |
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| 16:30 - 17:45 | Movie Screening & Discussion   |  |  |  |
|               | Presenter: Hicham Lasri  |  |  |  |
|               | Room: Building 6 – Amp 12  |  |  |  |
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| 18:00 - 19:30 | Welcome Reception  |  |  |  |
|               | Ground floor hall, Building 6  |  |  |  |

## Day 3 – Wednesday 1 October

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| 08:30 – 09:00              | Arrivals   |  |   |   |
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| 09:00 – 10:30              | Panel Discussion   |  |   |   |
| Room: Amphi 11, Building 4 |  |  |   |   |
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| 10:45 - 11:45              | Parallel Sessions (D)  |  |   |   |
|                            | Presentation 13  | Presentation 14  | Presentation 15   | Presentation 16   |
|                            | Room TD: 301 - Building 6  | Room TD 302 - Building 6   | Room TD 303 - Building 6  | Room TD 304 - Building 6  |
|                            | Presenter: Najib Mokhtari<br>Living and Learning Together: The Realities of a Multicultural Campus   | Presenter: Huba Boshoff & Helin Bäckman Kartal<br>Learning by Listening: Practising Intercultural Competence in International Projects   | Presenters: Precious Simba & Darla Deardorff<br>Ubuntu Philosophy as a Framework for Equitable Global North – South Educational Partnerships.                     | Presenters: Jennice McCafferty, Amber Howard, Fatima Drifi, Kiara Tendeu Oloruko, Lesley Nchabeleng<br>Panel: Mainstreaming Virtual Exchange from Policy Vision to Educational Impact |
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| 11:45 – 12:00              | Refreshment Break  |  |   |   |
| Room: TD405, Building 6    |  |  |   |   |
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| 12:00 - 13:00              | Parallel Sessions (E)  |  |   |   |
|                            | Presentation 17  | Presentation 18  | Presentation 19   | Presentation 20   |
|                            | Room TD 301 - Building 6   | Room TD 302 - Building 6   | Room TD 303 - Building 6  | Room TD 304 - Building 6  |
|                            | Presenter: Dr. Bernard Kitheka<br>Lessons along the planetary trail: some path to global citizenship   | Presenter: Patrice Mwepu<br>The Africa Multiple Cluster of Excellence: Rhodes University Experience  | Presenter: Roundtable with Darla Deardorff & Youth<br>Youth Perspectives on Intercultural Competence: Roundtable Discussion                                       | Presenters: Maysa Abuzant & Francesca Helm & Alia Gilbrecht & Abdalkarim Zawawi<br>Voices from Palestine and Europe: A Climate Justice Virtual Exchange Through Genocide              |
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| 13:00 – 13:45              | Lunch  |  |   |   |
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| 13:45 – 14:30              | UIR Campus Tour (Optional)   |  |   |   |
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| 14:30 - 16:30              | Parallel Workshops (F)   |  |   |   |
|                            | Presentation 21  | Presentation 22  | Presentation 23   | Presentation 24   |
|                            | Room: TD 301 - Building 6  | Room TD 302 - Building 6   | Room TD 303 - Building 6  | Room TD 304 - Building 6  |
|                            | Presenters: The African Partnerships Universities Alliance<br>Intercultural Competences in Action: Advancing Unity in Diversity through Africa-to-Africa Higher Education Partnerships | Presenters: Carey Stewart & Precious Simba<br>Layers of Us: Journaling and Collage for Intercultural Understanding and Peacebuilding Participants from diverse cultural backgrounds, peace practitioners, and educators will learn ways to immediately incorporate the use of collage and journaling to promote intercultural learning and reflection. | Presenter: Prof Kat Yassim<br>Intercultural Competence Through a Green Pedagogical Lens: Reimagining Education for Sustainable Futures in African Learning Spaces | Presenter: Oumaima Elghazali<br>Intentional Teaching of Intercultural Competence in Moroccan Higher Practical Strategies  |
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| 16:30 – 16:45              | Refreshment Break  |  |   |   |
| Room: TD405, Building 6    |  |  |   |   |
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| 16:45 – 18:00              | Closing Plenary  |  |   |   |
| Room: Amphi 11, Building 4 |  |  |   |   |

## **Day 4 – Thursday 2 October**

Al Akhawayn University Campus Visit (Limited Space) – 7:30am – 18:00

or Rabat City Tour – 10:00 or 16:00

or Pottery Classes – 10:00 or 16:00

or Calligraphy Classes – 10:00 or 16:00